

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



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HOPKINS COUNTY: 'WATERS OF IRON'

Merchant Washington I. Hamby discovered chalybeate water in 1881 and 1893 while digging wells. This water, with salts of iron, turned the town into a mecca for people seeking its curative powers. The town burgeoned, its population increasing from 130 to 1,000 between 1880 and 1885. From the start of the 20th century until the mid-1920s, Dawson Springs was one of the best known health resorts in this part of the country.



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